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Remarks

Applicant and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application. Claims 1-7 remain in the case. New claims 8-13 are added by this amendment. Claims 1,2,5, and 6 as originally filed were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,373,377 to Sacca et al. Claims 3, and 7 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sacca '377 in view of US Patent Nos. 5,777,769 to Coutinho, and 4,514,594 to Brown et al., respectively, with claim 4 rejected based on the teachings of Sacca '377 and Coutinho '769 in view of US Patent No. 4,815,106 to Propp et al.

Independent claim 1 is amended to include the coupling means carried within the power supply for facilitating transmission of both line power and the communication signals, wherein an analog communication signal flows passively to the communication device through the power supply, as supported in the specification, by way of example, with reface to the Summary page 2, Line 13 and in the Detailed Description making reference to FIG. 3 illustrating the coupling circuitry (112) carried within the power supply (108). Claims 2-7 depend from amended claim 1 and add additional limitations. Independent claim 8 includes the limitations of amended claim 1, and the further limitation of originally filed dependent claim 2.

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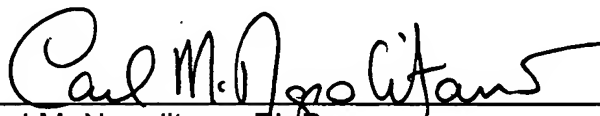
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Objections were made to the drawings and the abstract. The abstract is amended to include a single paragraph. Reference numerals 200 and 34 originally presented in FIGS. 4 and 5 are added to the specification as above described.

No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place this application in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully solicited. The Applicant and the undersigned would like to again thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application and for consideration of the claims as amended in light of the supporting arguments presented. If the further prosecution of the application can be facilitated through telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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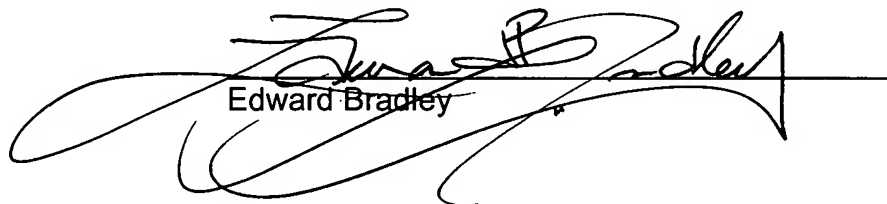
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